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Filed: August 1, 2003	§	Art Unit: 1725
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Serial No.: 10/633,134	§	Attorney Docket No.: 2002.010
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Title: Toughness-Optimized Weld Joints and Methods for Producing Said Weld Joints	§	Confirmation No.: 3121
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2004

Sir:

The accompanying Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks are offered in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In the office action, the examiner rejected claim 2 as a product-by-process claim. Applicants wish to amend the claims to cancel claim 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.